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AND METHOD OF APPLICATION )

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**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a new, original application for filing entitled SPINAL STABILIZATION IMPLANT AND METHOD OF APPLICATION.

Papers which are enclosed as required for the filing date under 37 C.F.R Section 1.53 (b) are 33 pages of specification, including 8 pages of claims, pages 25 through 32, containing claims 1 through 25, and a title page, which appears in front of page 1. The Abstract of Disclosure is contained on page 33 of the specification. Also enclosed are 8 sheets of formal drawings, containing Figs. 1 through 25.

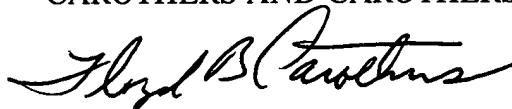
Additional papers which are enclosed as required are the Declaration and an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases.

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Respectfully submitted,

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